



Welcome to the
Probate and Family Court
Department of the
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and
Family Law matters
involve complex and
valuable legal rights.
You should always
speak with an attorney
before filing any papers.

LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

This booklet
contains a list of
Lawyer Referral Services,
Free Legal Resources and
Legal Aid Agencies in

NORFOLK COUNTY

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

LEGAL
RESOURCES
The
Massachusetts
Trial Court
provides free
legal resources

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced
fee panel.

Call (617) 654-0400 or (800) 392-6164
e-mail: lrs@massbar.org
To register online visit
www.massbar.org/lawhelp/

BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.
Serves mainly Greater Boston, inside Route 495, but will
provide referrals throughout Massachusetts.

Call (617) 742-0625 or e-mail: lrs@bostonbar.org
For more information, visit
www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK COUNTY

Referrals to private attorneys in Norfolk County.
Also offers referrals to free attorneys through Pro Bono
Attorney program. Call (617) 471-9693

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD 14 Beacon Street, Suite 407 Boston, MA 02108

Serves Greater Boston. Lawyer referral service geared to
low and moderate income clients, women and
minority rights issues but will take any case. Spanish
speaking staff available.

Call (617) 227-7008 Mon - Fri 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
or leave a message.

MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL BRANCH WEB SITE

The official web site of the Judicial Branch includes
judicial profiles, addresses, phone numbers and
directions for courthouses as well as other useful
information about the Trial Court. Click on
www.state.ma.us/courts

NORFOLK LAW LIBRARY

57 Providence Highway
Norwood, MA 02062

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries are open to the public, providing legal reference services and legal research assistance. The library is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ask at the Registry of Probate for the Law Libraries pamphlet which provides more details.

Call (781) 769-7483 or visit the Law Libraries web site www.lawlib.state.ma.us

TEL-LAW

Tel-Law is a collection of recorded messages provided by the Massachusetts Bar Association to answer basic questions about the law. Tel-Law is fully automated and you can access it 24 hours/day by calling (617) 338-0669. (Toll charges may apply)

WEB SITE

The Massachusetts Bar Association web site offers answers to basic legal questions. Point your browser to www.massbar.org

DIAL-A-LAWYER

The first Wednesday of every month you can get free legal help, by telephone, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyer volunteers staff phones to answer your questions. Call (617) 338-0610

NORFOLK LEGAL CLINIC

BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK COUNTY

Attorneys are available approximately once a month in Dedham or Quincy to offer free basic advice on various matters including family law. For more information, Call (617) 471-9693.

LEGAL
SERVICE
AGENCIES

These resources are available only to very low income and elderly individuals

LEGAL ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Provides telephone information, pro se assistance and referrals to legal service agencies. Intake hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Call (617) 603-1700

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES

197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114
(800) 323-3205 or (617) 371-1234

Represents custodial parents in divorce, paternity, visitation, parental kidnapping, contested guardianships and contempts (with certain restrictions). Represents prospective guardians if parents do not object. Limited representation in DSS involved cases (with certain restrictions).

Serves Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Holbrook, Milton, Quincy, Randolph and Weymouth.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LEGAL SERVICES

354 Waverly Street, Framingham, MA 01702
(508) 620-1830 or (800) 696-1501

Handles divorces for custodial parent or disabled parent. Domestic violence cases (209A restraining orders). Also has pro bono divorce panel of private attorneys.

Serves Bellingham, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Sharon, Sherborn, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood and Wrentham.

Free
resources
offered by the
Massachusetts
and Norfolk
Bar Associations

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES
AND COUNSELING CENTER

One West Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 661-1010

Will handle cases for victims of domestic violence or for primary caretakers in contested custody and visitation cases involving child abuse or neglect. Will also handle cases for custodial parent seeking child support.

Serves Brookline only.

NEW CENTER FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY

257 Union Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(800) 244-9023

Handles guardianships and family law cases with priority given to cases involving domestic abuse.

Serves Avon and Stoughton only.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES - BET TZEDEK OF BOSTON

1340 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
(617) 558-1278

Provides referrals to pro bono or low-cost attorneys in family law cases including divorce, alimony, custody, visitation, domestic violence, guardianship and conservatorship. Will handle Russian-speaking clients.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT
OF THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

29 Temple Place, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 423-0648

Assigns private volunteer attorneys to represent indigent individuals in divorces, child custody cases, wills and uncontested guardianships of minors and adults.

Serves Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Holbrook, Milton, Quincy, Randolph and Weymouth.
FAMILY LAW PROJECT FOR BATTERED WOMEN

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION AND
WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION

Provides free legal services to battered women involved in contested domestic relations cases. Applicants must have been denied eligibility by legal services organizations to qualify.

Call Women's Bar Foundation at (617) 589-9420

LAWYER OF THE DAY

Private, volunteer attorney offers brief consultation at the courthouse providing basic legal advice to qualifying individuals on a walk-in basis. Attorney does not accompany individual into the courtroom. Attorney may not be available every day. For availability, call (781) 830-1200 or ask at the Registry of Probate.

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